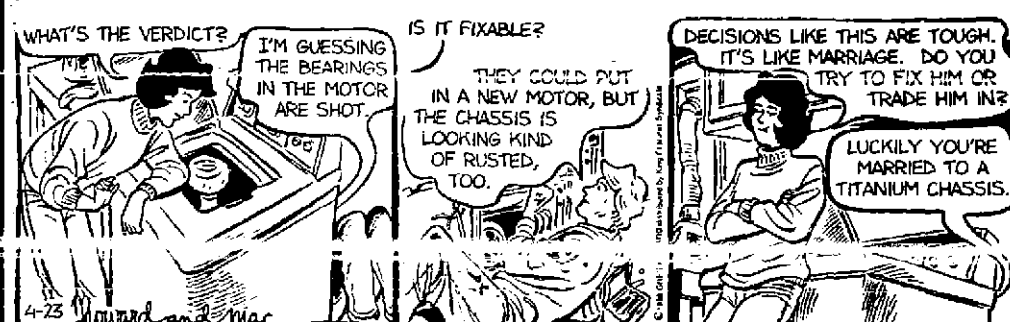


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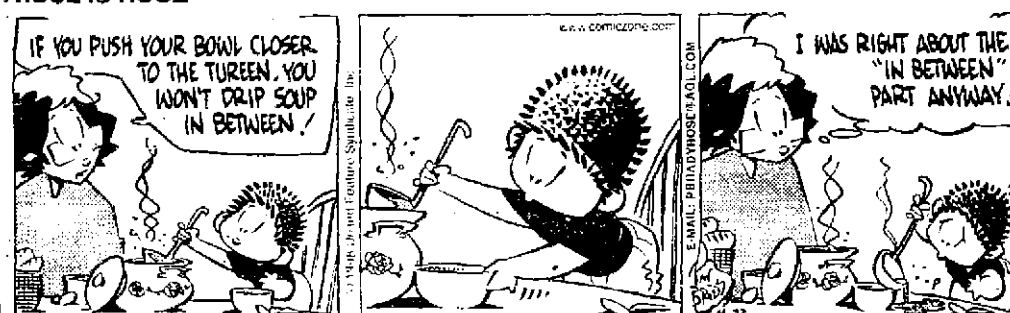
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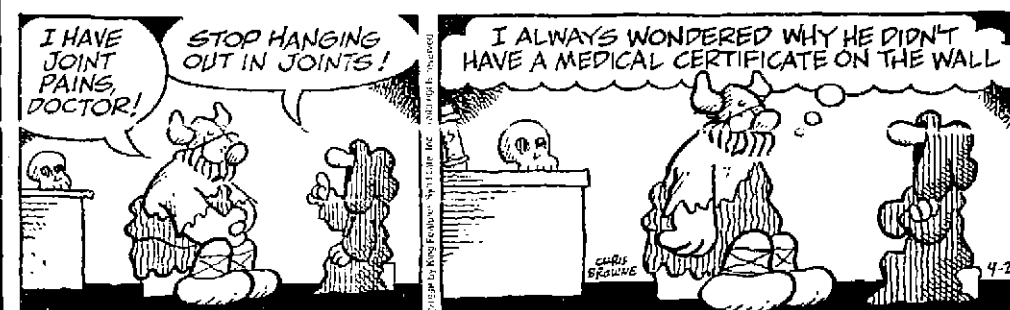
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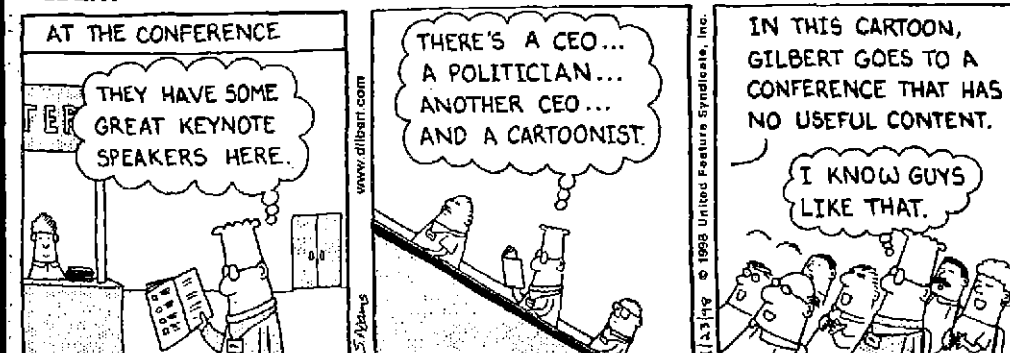
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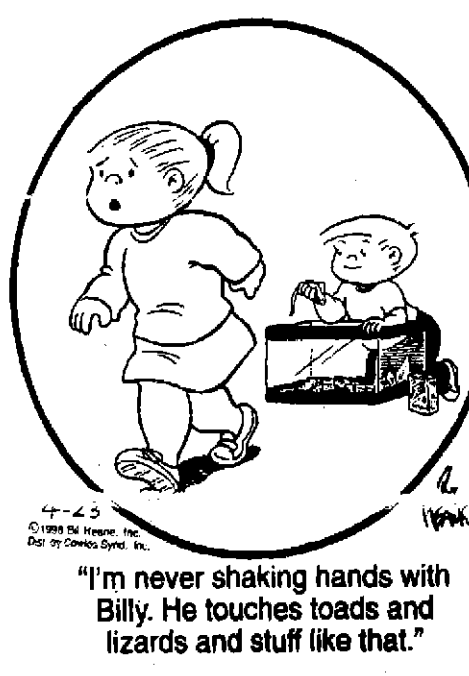
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DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE

THE ASTROLOGIST'S LICENSING EXAM

1. You are a Virgo. Jupiter has aligned with Mars. It's Thursday. Do you:

- PLAN A VACATION TO AN EXOTIC ISLAND. BOOK 2 TICKETS, EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE SINGLE.
- SECURE BUSINESS VENTURES--TODAY IS THE DAY TO CLOSE THE DEAL.
- ROCK STEADY, VIRGO. THE IMPENDING SUN/MERCURY CONJUNCTION WILL ENABLE YOU TO ADDRESS OLD CONFLICTS.
- DO NOTHING UNTIL THE 10th OF THE MONTH.

HOROSCOPE

For Friday, April 24, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although someone paints a black-and-white picture, the issues involved are more complicated.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A career proposition could have strings attached. Group activities are highlighted.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although home life is your major concern, you could find yourself strangely drawn to another.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Romance and recreation are favored. You're not ready to reveal all your cards.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You're in a romantic mood, and you get a lot accomplished on the job.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) It's out of character but you could be a trifle jealous or possessive. Accent communication with others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A sibling could ask for your moral support. You might receive financial backing from another relative.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your heart is set on a new possession for the home. Children require your attendance at a school function.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You both work and play hard. An existing project is brought to completion, and a new one is started with great fanfare.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Your work is absorbing, and your social life surpasses expectations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) No halfway measures are advised. Partners ought to put their heads together.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Romantic feelings remain intense. Travel plans allow you some time for yourself as well as a visit with old friends.

RALPH



WORD SLEUTH

Rhymes with sport

OFCYVROLHEBTXUR
OLIEBYRESORTVST
QNTKHETRAUQRBRY
WTRRORRLOJPOOGE
BYWUOROC PNKPIGT
DBZFXNCAVORTOTR
VSTROHSQOUREMRO
KIGECAEYPOWJUAT
SQPNLJHFPECAYS
XVUSQPNMMKJHFI
ECBZYXIVUTRQPTD

Wednesday's unlisted clue: CHUNG

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unlisted clue hint: NOT LONG

Cavort	Fort	Quart	Thwart
Court	Import	Resort	Tort
Distort	Jetport	Snort	Wart
Escort	Purport	Support	

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For solution, see Classified.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

After South lost today's slam, there was a heated discussion regarding the merits of bidding it. South claimed success rested with a straight 50-50 shot — a winning spade finesse. North ob-

challenged. "Why did you go down with the finesse on-side?" Both overlooked the most important point. West

discounted his chances of getting a spade ruff and wisely chose a club lead instead. East won his queen

and returned his ace, ruffed with South's low trump. South then cashed his trump

ace, getting bad news when East discarded a club. South continued with his queen and 10 of trumps, but West made

another good decision. He covered, forcing South to win dummy's king. Unable to

draw the last trump before taking the spade finesse, South led dummy's spade

jack and let it ride, winning the finesse. Then he led a low spade to his queen, but

his luck ran out. West ruffed, and a diamond exit extracted even more punishment. South could not pick up East's spade king,

and he suffered a two-trick penalty. How does South make his slam? By maintaining flexibility in his trump suit. Instead of ruff-

ing East's club ace with a niggardly trump five, South should have ruffed with his nine. Later, when West's trump stack is un-

covered, South can pick up West's trumps by leading his five to finesse against West's J-7. And after he draws trumps, the suc-

cessful spade finesse brings home the slam.

Vulnerable: Both

Dealer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
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1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

*Limit raise (9-11 HCP)

Opening lead: Club 10

BRIDGE RESULTS

Bridge America: Saturday evening, first, Bill Barrington, Mary Ann Ruff; second, Millie Albrigo, Janet Sinclair.

The Bridge Studio: Monday morning, first, Doug Lyon, Milt Rosenblum; second/third, Carl Brown, Barbara Lorenz;

Ralph Carley, Sarah Fiorito; Monday evening, first, Joanne Baccile, Mary Lou Famulare; second, Arlene Rainone, Larry Spooner;

Tuesday evening, first, Madeline Hutchinson, Shirley Savlov; second/third, Fren Le Boeuf, Ellen Dixon; Sharlene Kostichka, Doug Lyon; Wednesday evening, first, Al

Bard, Ted Roe; second, Jeff King, Monny Moncrief; Thursday morning Teaching Game, 1/2 NS, Gert Andrae, Edith Far-

nam; Debi Belanger, Al Wistrup; 1 EW, Sheri Macht, Judy Stebbins; 2 EW, Bob Donahue, Vera LaVallee; Thursday eve-

ning, first, David Hornung, Cornelia Yoder; second, Bill Barrington, Doug Lyon; Friday morning, first, Alex Weldon,

Marge Weldon; second, Sharon Paulus, Paul Peters; Friday evening, first, Cliff Donn, Jane Donn; second, Mark Bowick,

Josh Donn.

Concord Aces: 1/2 NS, Jane Hackbarth, Cio Morris; Rosemary Dunn, Louise Staring; 1 EW, Fran McCarthy, Gerry

Wurdinger; 2 EW, Joe Conrad, Bill Flemming.

Liverpool: 1 NS, Judy Butcher, Peg Hesselein; 2 NS, Pam Gibson, Judy Ortiz; 1 EW, Gene Wurdinger, Gerry Wurdinger;

2 EW, Sophie Adler, Rogena Maloff.

Stonehedge: 1 NS, Ann Divers, Norma Germain; 2 NS, Edna Bush, Helen Kelly; 1 EW, Louise Staring, Sally Wright; 2

EW, Gerry Burns, Marie O'Brien.

Syracuse Contract: Wednesday evening, first, Cliff Donn, Josh Donn; second, Sharon Paulus, Bob Simard; Thursday

afternoon, 1 NS, Laura Distin, Dale Swift; 2 NS, Judy Butcher, Katherine Worthen; 1 EW, Carole Neuburger, Bonnie Per-

cival; 2/3 EW, Diane Backus, Donna Edgar; Joanne Baccile, Anna Timell; Thursday evening, first, Allene Huntley, Don

Paulus; second, Sharon Paulus, Bob Simard; Friday evening, first, Dorothy Eustleigh, Virgil Eustleigh; second, Judy Butcher,

Norm Radway.

Call 422-4114 by Friday evening to report your bridge club results.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actress-turned-diplomat Shirley Temple Black is 70.

Actor Alan Oppenheimer is 68. Actor David Birney is 59.

Actor Lee Majors is 58. Actress Sandra Dee is 56. Actress

Jan Hooks is 41. Actress Valerie Bertinelli is 38. Rock musician Gen (Jesus Jones) is 34. U. S. Olympic gold medal

skier Donna Weinbrecht is 33. Country musician Tim Womack (Sons of the Desert) is 30.

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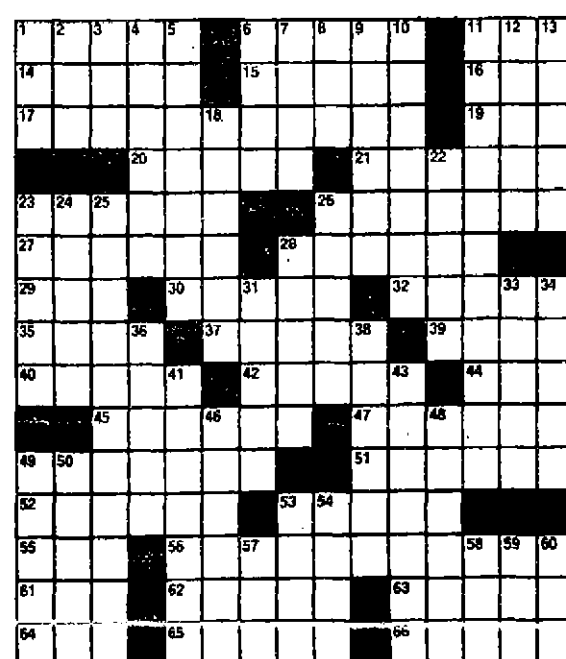
- 1 Ventures
- 6 Nantes's river
- 11 ———Locke, Fla.
- 14 Familiar term of address
- 15 Recital feature
- 16 Populous area
- 17 It doesn't generate interest
- 19 Javits Center designer
- 20 Late comic Farley
- 21 Described as
- 23 Land of Robert Burns
- 26 College in Syracuse, N.Y.
- 27 Keep locked up
- 28 Requirements for some badges
- 29 W.W. II heroes: Abbr.
- 30 Attack
- 32 ——— of Glenure ("Kidnapped" character)
- 35 Some are liberal
- 37 Idiots
- 39 Russo of "Tin Cup"
- 40 Bris participant
- 42 Incurred
- 44 Sked guess
- 45 Place of darkness on the way to Hades
- 47 Evergreen hedge
- 48 Go-between
- 51 Relative of a grapefruit
- 52 40's-50's comedy team member

DOWN

- 53 A Stooze
- 55 Road show grp.
- 56 Academy Award song of 1947
- 61 Man of the cloth, slangily
- 62 The "I" in IV
- 63 Treasure
- 64 Suffix with meth-
- 65 Popular disinfectant
- 66 Pre-Novocain stuff
- 1 Ref's ruling, briefly
- 2 Rock's Ocasek
- 3 Answer to a minister's question
- 4 Chemical extractions
- 5 ——— Choice
- 6 She was WKRP's Jennifer
- 7 Peepers
- 8 1987 #1 hit "Here Again"
- 9 Fulminator
- 10 Peculiar to a locale
- 11 Magician's claim
- 12 Dress up
- 13 Put up with
- 14 Spieled
- 15 Turbine part
- 22 Beat it
- 24 Humidor item

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

FARO SGT'S BREAD
AMEX TAIL REAVE
TIME INRE APRES
LEONARDODAVINCI
HUM DAM
LUIGIPIRANDELLO
ALLOT OLEO AIT
UGLA COMER WHET
BETA GULIUM METIOL
ARTUROTOSCANINI
PEW ALI
VINCENZOPELLINI
ADEAL ELIA ICED
DEESE NANT MAXI
PARTY ONES ONTO



Puzzle by Fred Placop

- 25 Multiple-choice choice
- 26 Pretend
- 28 ——— a hatter
- 31 Springsteen's "Born ———"
- 32 Big name in computer chips
- 33 "Cool"
- 36 Prefix with comic
- 38 Ate
- 41 Clorox Company cleanser
- 43 Hype
- 46 Horticulturist's topic
- 48 Significance
- 49 Petrarch's beloved
- 50 "A Doll's House" dramatist
- 53 Blood fluid: Prefix
- 54 Patch up
- 57 Bowery bum's affliction
- 58 Homer Simpson exclamation
- 59 Blvd.
- 60 Any boat

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